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Geneva, 12-13 May 2014
Item 1 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the second session* [1,2]

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 12 May 2014

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Programme of Work.
3. "Safety at level crossings" report.

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* This document was submitted late due to resource constraints.

[1] For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp1.html). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (roadsafety@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

[2] All delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website (www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by e-mail (roadsafety@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039). Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext.75716 or 72401). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm.

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4. Exchange of Experiences.
5. Other Business.
6. Date and Place of Next Meeting.
7. Adoption of Report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the session's agenda.

Documentation

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2. Programme of Work

At the first session, the Group of Experts decided to include in its programme of work, the items (a) to (g) below, and agreed to discuss items (h) to (j) at this session. In addition, for items (a) to (g), as part of the remit of the responsible subgroup, the Group of Experts proposed the inclusion of deliverables, measurements, evaluation including sustainability, and the identification of gaps for the future strategy and action plan of the Group of Experts.

(a) A review and analysis of the economic costs of level crossing accidents based on data provided by countries

The Group of Experts will be updated on the progress of the work of the subgroup that is being led by Poland with assistance from the European Railway Agency (ERA).

(b) An evaluation and analysis of the safety performance of types of level crossings in UNECE member States and in selected non-UNECE member States such as Australia, India, New Zealand and South Africa

The Group of Experts will be updated on the progress of the work of the subgroup that is being led by Community Safety Partnerships Ltd with assistance from United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, France, Ireland and ERA.

(c) A summary of best practices including education

The Group of Experts will be updated on the progress of the work of the subgroup that is being led by Finland with assistance from India.

(d) A survey of prevailing national legislation and/or legal arrangements at level crossings

The Group of Experts will be updated on the progress of the work of the subgroup that is being initiated by the Instytut Kolejnictwa, Poland, with assistance of the secretariat.

(e) A survey of technology and technological solutions to improve safety at level crossings

The Group of Experts will be updated on the progress of the work of the subgroup that is being initiated by La Trobe University Centre for Technology Infusion, Australia, with the assistance of the secretariat.

(f) Identification of the key causes and possible solutions related to human factors contributing to unsafe conditions at level crossings

The Group of Experts will be updated on the progress of the work of the subgroup that is being initiated by Mr. Michael Cale, Cognito Ltd. and the German Aerospace Center.

(g) List of network contacts

This list would be made available on the website of the Group of Experts. The secretariat will provide an update on the progress of the list.

(h) Key factors contributing to unsafe conditions at level crossings

The proposed areas to be considered include infrastructure, national legislation, user behaviour, management, education and enforcement.

(i) Development of a road/rail interface strategy with supporting action plan

(j) Workshops to support the strategic plan

(k) Future strategic and operational research needs

3. "Safety at level crossings" report

At the first session, the Group of Experts agreed to invite the European Commission to give a presentation on its December 2003 "Safety at level crossings" report.

4. Exchange of Experiences

The Group of Experts is invited to provide information (e.g. presentations) about low cost solutions that are potentially transferable to low and mid-income countries, technical solutions and preliminary proposals relating to safety initiatives based on a system's approach.

5. Other Business

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss other issues of interest.

6. Date and Place of Next Meeting

The third session of the Group of Experts will be held on 23-24 October 2014 in Geneva.

7. Adoption of Report

The Group of Experts will adopt the report of its second session.